

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-15 are pending. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 3 and for new claim 13 may be found in the specification as originally filed, for example, in original claim 3. Support for new claims 11 and 13 may be found in the specification as originally filed, for example, at page 27, lines 17-22. Support for new claims 12 and 15 may be found in the specification as originally filed, for example, at page 27, lines 22-24.

I. Claim 7

Claim 7 is objected to under 37 CFR §1.75(c), as allegedly being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Koike et al. (SUS Pat. 6,654,085).

Claim 7 has been deleted. Therefore, the objection and the rejection of claim 7 are moot.

II. The Rejections Based on Fujii et al in view of Koike et al or Nishizawa et al

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Fujii et al in view of Koike et al or in view of Nishizawa et al.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is not rendered obvious over the disclosures of Fujii et al in view of Koike et al or in view of Nishizawa et al and request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection in view of the following remarks.

Fujii (USP6964814/W0013007) discloses a protective film as noted by the Examiner.

Koike(USP6654085) discloses a urethane polyol and an isocyanate crosslinking agent as noted by the Examiner. However, Koike, which relates to an adhesive for between a substrate (3) and a light scattering layer (2), is not an adhesive for a polarizer and a protective film as in the present invention.

Nishizawa (USP6797383) discloses a urethane polyol and an isocyanate crosslinking agent in the section noted by the Examiner. However, Nishizawa, which relates to an adhesive (D) for a polarizing film (C) and a synthetic resin layer (E), is not the adhesive for a polarizer and a protective film as in the present invention.

An adhesive for a polarizer and a protective film is simply not disclosed in Koike and Nishizawa.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that one skilled in the art would not combine the teachings of Koike et al or Nishizawa et al with Fujii et al to achieve Applicants' claimed invention, in view of the different teachings for the use of the adhesive layers of Koike et al and Nishizawa et al.

Further to claims 2, neither of Koike and Nishizawa discloses the polyether urethane polyol of Claim 2 in the polyurethane adhesive.

Further to claims 3 and 14, the cited art does not disclose the formation of the adhesion imparting layer.

As to claims 12 and 15, the use of "urethane-modified polyester resin" for the adhesion imparting layer is not disclosed by the cited art.

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For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of claims 1-6 and 8-15 is neither taught by nor made obvious from the disclosures of Fujii et al in view of Koike et al or in view of Nishizawa et al and it is requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

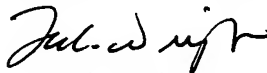
III. Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that their claimed invention is allowable and ask that the objection, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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